



SC Annual School District Report Card Summary

Laurens 56 School District
 Grades: PK-12 Enrollment: 3,314
 Superintendent: Dr. Wayne Brazell
 Board Chair: Linda Darby

PERFORMANCE

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YEAR	ABSOLUTE RATING	GROWTH RATING	PALMETTO GOLD/SILVER AWARD	AYP STATUS	NCLB IMPROVEMENT STATUS
2008	Below Average	Good	N/A	Not Met	N/A
2007	Below Average	At-Risk	N/A	Not Met	N/A
2006	Average	Good	N/A	Not Met	N/A

ABSOLUTE RATINGS OF DISTRICTS WITH STUDENTS LIKE OURS*

EXCELLENT	GOOD	AVERAGE	BELOW AVERAGE	AT-RISK
0	0	4	17	1

* Ratings are calculated with data available by 02/17/2009. Districts with Students like Ours are Districts with poverty indices of no more than 5% above or below the index for this district.

PACT

PACT	2008 Reading % Basic and above	2008 Math % Basic and above	2008 Science % Basic and above	2008 Social Studies % Basic and above
District	68.9%	73.0%	59.2%	60.3%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	69.6%	69.8%	60.3%	64.3%
Average District	76.0%	76.0%	67.4%	71.3%

PACT	2008 Reading % Proficient & Advanced	2008 Math % Proficient & Advanced	2008 Science % Proficient & Advanced	2008 Social Studies % Proficient & Advanced
District	31.3%	30.8%	27.4%	22.1%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	29.2%	27.0%	28.1%	26.8%
Average District	37.6%	35.1%	36.4%	34.7%

HSAP

HSAP: 2nd Year Students	Passed 2 Subtests (%)	Passed 1 Subtests (%)	Passed No Subtests (%)
District	76.7%	9.1%	14.2%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	76.7%	12.0%	11.3%

HSAP Passage Rate by Spring 2008 (%)

District	87.9%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	92.5%

End of Course Test Passage Rate (%)

District	64.1%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	58.6%

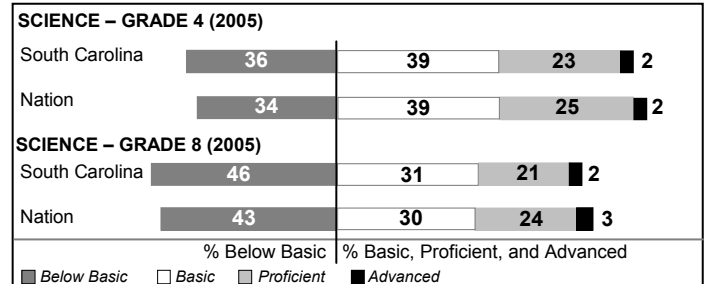
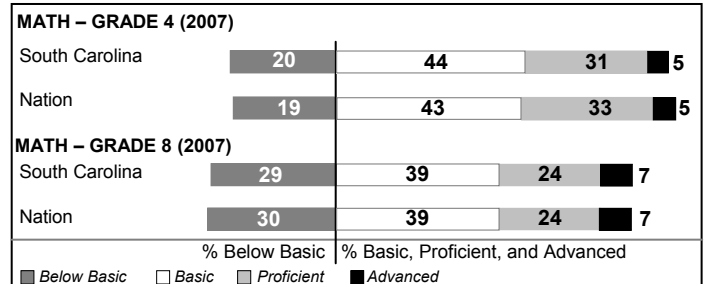
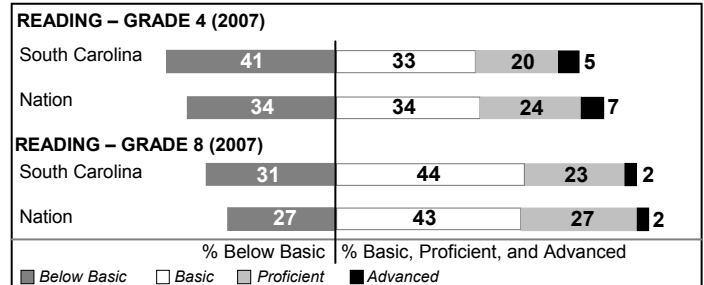
On-Time Graduation Rate (%)

District	75.9%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	77.2%

** Districts with Students Like Ours are districts with Poverty Indices of no more than 5% above or below the index for this district.

NAEP*

* Performance reported for SC and nation, data not available at school level. Percentages at NAEP Achievement Levels.



SC PERFORMANCE GOAL

2010 Goal:

By 2010, SC's student achievement will be ranked in the top half of the states nationally. To achieve this goal, we must become one of the fastest improving systems in the country.

2020 Goal: TBD

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DISTRICT PROFILE

	Our District	Change from Last Year	Districts with Students Like Ours	Median District
Students (n=3,314)				
Retention rate	3.6%	Down from 6.2%	4.1%	4.0%
Attendance rate	95.2%	Down from 95.5%	95.3%	95.6%
Eligible for gifted and talented	12.2%	Down from 13.9%	9.9%	11.4%
With disabilities other than speech	11.7%	Up from 10.1%	11.3%	10.5%
Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent &/or criminal offenses	0.9%	Down from 1.2%	0.9%	0.8%
Enrolled in AP/IB programs	15.6%	Up from 13.9%	8.3%	10.3%
Successful on AP/IB exams	41.7%	N/A	45.9%	56.0%
Eligible for LIFE Scholarship	49.3%	Up from 44.2%	29.8%	31.1%
Enrolled in adult education GED or diploma programs	23	Down from 30	24	48
Completions in adult education GED or diploma programs	8	Down from 18	17	27
Annual dropout rate	0.9%	Down from 3.9%	2.9%	3.8%
Teachers (n=215)				
Teachers with advanced degrees	54.4%	Up from 53.5%	53.7%	54.8%
Continuing contract teachers	80.5%	Down from 83.4%	75.0%	73.9%
Teachers with emergency or provisional certificates	2.6%	Up from 2.2%	5.6%	5.0%
Teachers returning from previous year	87.5%	Down from 88.1%	87.9%	88.8%
Teacher attendance rate	98.5%	Up from 95.8%	94.8%	94.9%
Average teacher salary	\$44,873	Up 3.7%	\$44,529	\$45,107
Vacancies for more than nine weeks	0.5%	Up from 0.0%	1.0%	0.5%
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	3.5%	Up from 2.2%	3.3%	2.5%
District				
Superintendent's years at district	1.0	Up from 0.3	4.5	3.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	23.0 to 1	Up from 22.7 to 1	20.0 to 1	20.2 to 1
Prime instructional time	93.2%	Up from 89.6%	88.6%	89.1%
Dollars spent per pupil*	\$8,699	Up 4.4%	\$8,429	\$8,666
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries*	50.5%	Down from 52.2%	52.8%	53.1%
Percent of expenditures for instruction*	53.0%	Down from 55.6%	56.6%	56.5%
Opportunities in the arts	Good	No Change	Excellent	Excellent
Number of schools	6	Down from 7	8	9
Portable classrooms	11.7%	Up from 3.0%	2.3%	4.3%
Average age in years of school facilities	38 Years	No Change	28 Years	26 Years
Number of schools with SACS accreditation	6.0	Down from 7.0	7.0	8.0
Average administrator salary	\$74,363	Up 11.5%	\$76,833	\$76,032
Number of charter schools	0	No Change	0	0
% of AYP objectives met	68.0%		67.4%	69.7%

* Prior year audited financial data available.

CHARTER SCHOOLS IN DISTRICT

School Name	Absolute Rating	Growth Rating	Adequate Yearly Progress
There are no charter schools in this district.			

REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT

Laurens County School District 56 is committed to providing quality programs for students and parents in the district. The district has made strides in the state's testing program. We had a greater percent of students meeting standard in grades 3–5 this year on English Language Arts PACT. In math, more students in grades 3–8 (with the exception of grade 5) scored Advanced. On the HSAP, there was over a 5% increase on students meeting standard in both English Language Arts and mathematics. Preparing students for their success in the 21st century is an obligation that we take seriously and we will continue to work with the community to meet the needs of our students.

Some of the changes in the district during the past school year included the opening of our Child Development Center at M.S. Bailey, the closing of Martha Dendy Sixth Grade Center, and the completion of the site preparation for the new high school. The district began construction on the new Clinton High School in the summer of 2008 and it should be open in August 2010.

In addition, the district had meaningful dialog with parents, teachers, and community members in the recently formed Parent Advisory Committee, Teacher Advisory Committee, and Technology Advisory Committee. The district is intent on establishing and maintaining active channels of communication. Major emphasis in the district in 2008-2009 will be put on the opening of the new Smaller Learning Communities at M.S. Bailey Child Development Center, and on continuing our expansion of technology in the classrooms.

We are excited about the positive things happening in Laurens County School District 56 and we look forward to working with the community to provide the best education possible for all students. We stand by our motto, "Caring for the Community, Connecting to the Future, and Committed to Excellence."

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